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The Honorable Swain E. Whitfield, Chairman Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Docket 2017-381-A

Impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

Dear Chairman Whitfield:

In its Directive Order of January 10, 2018, the Commission required utilities to report by January 24, 2018 the Impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Harbor Island Utilities, Inc. (HIU) replied as requested.

The Commission has many options at its disposal ranging from no further action to requiring new rate cases. The potential financial impacts of the Commission can be dramatic, particularly on small utilities. This financial uncertainty is causing capital projects to be delayed until those impacts are known. Many of these capital projects are needed now but may not be implementable if the Commission by its action limits available resources.

HIU respectfully requests that the Commission finalize its decision on this matter as soon as possible so that utilities can continue to provide service with financial certainty.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,

HARBOR ISLAND UTILITIES, INC.

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